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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: George H. HOFFMAN et al.  
Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND COMPUTER  
PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR AN OFFICE  
PRODUCTS SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT  
FRAMEWORK  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, Applicants hereby elects Group II (Claims 7-18), drawn to a system/computer program product for managing an office product supply chain for prosecution in the subject application in order to advance the prosecution of this application.

Applicants, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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